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*CFC's WalkAmerica Participants*

## Once Again CFC Goes the Extra "Mile"

*By Patricia Boler, CFC Communications*

On April 6, CFC employees took one more step towards helping children. The March of Dimes

WalkAmerica State Walk was held at noon on that lovely spring day. The area in front of the Capitol Annex Building was crowded with groups from all over state government, gathering to show their support for the March of Dimes by walking around the Capitol.

This year, CFC employees bought and sold everything from donuts and popcorn to ducks and bunnies. There was a silent auction, a contest for the cutest baby picture and more. When it comes to babies, CFC means business. Our cabinet raised \$6,366.36 for the March of Dimes – more than tripling our goal of \$1,800.

Charlene Nation of CFC's Employee Services was recognized at the Walk for all of her hard work as CFC March of Dimes coordinator and for our cabinet's outstanding contributions. Charlene led our cabinet to surpass both our monetary goal and our goal for participation. CFC wanted to have fifty walkers for the WalkAmerica State Walk. Fifty-four walkers turned in sponsorship envelopes!

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's March of Dimes campaign. You did a wonderful job!



*Charlene Nation, recognized at the March of Dimes WalkAmerica State Walk(below).*



## Through the Eyes of a Child: A Touching Story

Below you'll find the link to a moving story in *The Bridge*, Big Sandy's Regional Newsletter. "Through the Eyes of a Child" is a true account by Brenda Slone a Practicum Student in Magoffin County.

Brenda visited Frankfort with Norma Boyd, a Social Services Specialist in Magoffin County. Bob Blackburn from OPS was their host.

[http://cfc.state.ky.us/bridgeonline/Apr01/protection\\_permanency\\_news\\_magoffin.htm](http://cfc.state.ky.us/bridgeonline/Apr01/protection_permanency_news_magoffin.htm)

## Walk in Their Shoes for Child Abuse Prevention

By Margaret Davis Harney, CFC Communications

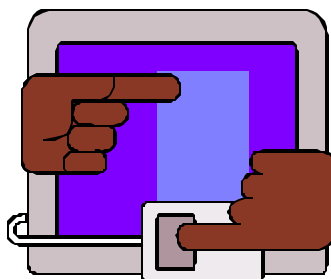
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Frankfort's Sunshine Center is sponsoring Walk in Their Shoes April 21, a walk to help raise public awareness of child abuse and neglect. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. at Riverview Park, where community volunteers and service agencies will be available to provide information on local resources.

The Sunshine Center provides educational programs for parents and services to victims of child abuse, serving more than 400 adults and children annually.

Services include:

- A respite drop-in nursery for children who are abused or at risk of being abused
- On-site supervised, court-ordered visitation
- Remedial parenting programs
- Support groups for teens
- Victims Helping Victims, an on-going support group for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse
- Parents of Teens support group
- "Talking About Touching," a child sexual abuse prevention program

There is no fee to participate in the walk, but the center suggests walkers contribute \$10, \$5 for children, to help fund its services. For more information on the walk, or volunteer opportunities with the Sunshine Center, visit the center at 409 W. Broadway or call 875-3495.



## New Web Site for Employees

By Margaret Davis Harney, CFC Communications

Much of the information state employees need -- including forms, employee news and information on benefits and personnel policies -- is on the Internet but not always easy to find. A new Web site, [KyDirect for Employees](http://kydirectforemployees.com), brings helpful links together on one site, placing the information you need at your fingertips.

The site, <http://kyemployee.state.ky.us>, is being developed by the Governor's Office for Technology in cooperation with the Personnel Cabinet, and is made up of links to existing information. The site is still in the early stages of development, but employees are encouraged to look at it and submit suggestions on how to make it better.

Employees are also invited to submit links they find useful, including links outside state government. Many of the site's links are to information that isn't strictly work-related but is beneficial to employees, such as weather and "health and wellness" sites. An e-mail link for suggestions is at the bottom of the employee site.

"This site is created for employees by employees," said Kathy Hanna of GOT's Web Development Group, "and all comments and suggestions are welcome."

A short online survey, with the chance to win "a great prize," also encourages comments. Everyone who completes the survey is entered in a drawing for a prize that has not yet been announced, but is rumored to be a night at a state park.

## Direct Deposit: The Simple Way to Receive Your Paycheck

By Terry Brogan, CFC Personnel Administrator



Does payday mean standing in a long line at the bank to cash your check?

Have you ever been sick on payday, too sick to pick up your paycheck, but you needed the cash? Do you have to schedule vacations around your check so you can deposit it before you leave town? Has your check ever been lost in the mail?

Then you don't have Direct Deposit! With Direct Deposit, your check is automatically deposited to your savings or checking account.

An online Direct Deposit form makes it easy and convenient to enroll in the program, and the Personnel staff of the Cabinet for Families and Children is ready to assist you. During a special promotion of Direct Deposit, May 1 – June 15, the first 1000 new enrollees will receive a beautifully embossed checkbook cover, along with a letter from Quality Central, as a way to say congratulations.

The online Direct Deposit form is at <http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/personnel/upps15w.doc>. Just print it out, complete it, and give it to your Personnel Liaison. You can then begin to experience the piece of mind and security only Direct Deposit can give you, knowing your check is in your account no matter where you are on payday.

Have a Nice Holiday!

